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PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
: Examiner: R. Phan  
ATSUSHI DATE ET AL. )  
: Group Art Unit: 2181  
Appln. No.: 09/917,833 )  
: Filed: July 31, 2001 )  
: For: BUS MANAGER AND CONTROL )  
: APPARATUS FOR MULTIFUNCTION )  
: DEVICE HAVING SAID BUS MANAGER ) October 31, 2001

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following paragraph immediately before the first paragraph  
of the specification:

--This application is a divisional of application no. 09/122,012, filed  
July 24, 1998.--

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted via  
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2023, attention Examiner R. Phan, GAU 2181, at 703-746-7239 on

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October 31, 2001  
Date of Signature